

To whom it may concern,

I have just finished reading about the Government's intention to withhold full support for the diggers who were required to take part in British nuclear tests in the 50's and am appalled that they could be treated this way when they were under direct orders to partake. It does not matter whether they were in combat at the time. They were on active duty and in a situation where their lives were threatened as a direct result of their jobs, for which, I believe, the Government has ultimate responsibility.

This is not the best example to set for any future recruits to the Armed Services and makes me wonder whether our soldiers currently stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq, where carcinogenic material abounds to the point of being detected by atmospheric tests in Europe, are going to get a fair cop if, God forbid, they, their spouses and children become ill as a result of similar poisoning.

Please. Do the right thing. These people lost many of the best years of their lives serving our country in good faith and suffering the terrible consequences. Let their last years be as painless and dignified as possible and give some substance to the rhetoric of how dear we hold them.

Sincerely

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